Finding Open Access Content

- OA and non-OA finding tools: mostly the same
- Are also some OA-specific tools
- Will look at:
  - Broad-level tools
  - OA-specific tools
  - Abstracting and indexing tools/aggregators

Broad-Level Tools

- Google, Google Scholar, Scirus, Scopus, etc,
- Searched all four for "we own it" and "waller" – all worked, some better than others

Open Access-Specific Tools

- OAIster
- Scientific Commons
- CARL Metadata Harvester

Abstracting and Indexing Tools/Aggregators

- Now standard tools in libraries
- General and subject specific, with and without fulltext
- AB libraries have access to many of these
- Searched for "BMC" and "PLoS" in some indexes

Making Open Access Content Accessible

- MARC records
- A-Z lists
- Link resolvers

MARC Records

- Machine-Readable Catalogue or Cataloguing
- Can create MARC records for OA material individually
- Sharing MARC records e.g. OCLC, library systems, library consortia
- MARC records services e.g. Serials Solutions, Ex Libris, reSearcher, etc.
- MARC records from publishers

A-Z Lists

- Provide alphabetical, outside-the-catalogue access to e-resources with basic information (e.g. title, coverage, link)
- Variety of providers e.g. TDNet, Serials Solutions, SIRSIDynix, Ex Libris, reSearcher, etc.
- Can make your own
- Sometimes a webpage works

Link Resolvers

- Link resolvers utilize Open URLs and take users to available online fulltext
- Many providers of resolver services e.g. Serials Solutions, Ex Libris, EBSCO, Ovid, re Searcher, etc.

The Wisdom of Joyce

- It might be OA but you have to register
- Watch out for "select OA/hybrid OA" journals
- Sometimes there is a lack of original cataloguing for OA journals

Some Concluding Thoughts

- The OA movement is growing rapidly – there will be more for your library
- What can we do for OA?:
  - promote resources
  - support and take part in policy development
  - support OA financially (small and large scale);
  - make our own LIS scholarship openly accessible
  - get involved!

Questions? Discussion?

Discussion Questions

- What are you doing to promote Open Access?

- What are some inventive ways you've seen Open Access promoted?

Some Resources

- Google: www.google.ca
- Google Scholar: scholar.google.ca
- Scirus: www.scirus.com
- Scopus: www.scopus.com
- OAIster: www.oaister.org
- Scientific Commons: www.scientificcommons.org

Some Resources (cont.)

- CARL Metadata Harvester: http://carl-abrc-oai.lib.sfu.ca/

- reSearcher: researcher.sfu.ca

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